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Consent for Property Access Letter ECHA Residents 2016 (011).docx

Dear Mr. Harris:

I am writing to you in your capacity as counsel for the East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA).

As you are aware, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has requested that the ECHA authorize it enter into the interior of certain residences within the West Calumet Housing Complex. On July 18, 2016, the ECHA held a board meeting to consider, among other matters, whether to grant EPA access. It concluded the meeting without passing a resolution authorizing access for EPA. Based upon the advice received from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), concerns raised by the Mayor of East Chicago, Indiana, and EPA's own concerns about risks that may be posed to the residents of the complex, EPA has elected to seek permission directly from the residents to enter their homes for the purpose of taking samples and taking other response actions as necessary. EPA expects to talk with residents starting on July 22, 2016, and in the days that follow to secure access. Sampling may begin as soon as July 25, 2016. I am attaching a copy of the agreement EPA will ask residents to sign. I will provide you with a list of the residences that EPA intends to sample once that list is final.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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